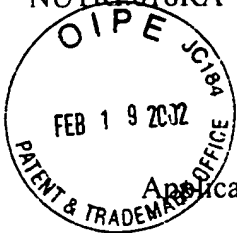


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2001, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Kindly amend claims 11-26 as follows:

11. A method for reducing hyperglycemia or stabilizing the level of serum glucose comprising administering to an individual in need thereof between about 50 and 1,000 micrograms per day of chromium as synthetic chromic tripicolinate in combination with between about 25 µg and 200 mg per day of biotin, wherein the amounts of chromic tripicolinate and biotin are selected together to provide a greater than additive effect.

12. A method for reducing hyperglycemia or stabilizing the level of serum glucose comprising administering to an individual in need thereof a composition consisting essentially of between about 50 and 1,000 micrograms per day of chromium as synthetic chromic tripicolinate in combination with between about 25 micrograms and 200 milligrams per day of biotin, wherein

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